

WIMBORNE MINSTER URBAN DISTRICT.

Medical Officer's Annual Report, 1925.

1. *General Statistics.*

Area of District—523 Acres.

Population (1911) 3,711. (1921) 3,683. (1925) Estimated by Registrar General, 3,612.

Number of Inhabited Houses—(1921) 1,046. (1925) 1,091. Increase—45.

Rateable Value—(1921) £18,498. (1925) £21,791. Increase—£3,293.

Sum represented by a penny rate—(1921) £81. (1925) £90 10s. 6d.

2. *Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year.*

Births—58. Birth rate—16.11. (1921) 49. Rate—11.0.

Deaths—53. Death rate—14.72. (1921) 44. Rate—12.0.

Under one year of age—2. Rate per 1,000 Births—34.4.

From Measles, Whooping cough or Diarrhoea—Nil

3. *Notifiable Diseases during the year.*

Erysipelas (one). Tuberculosis. Lungs (one) Male. Non-Pulmonary (two) Males.

4. *Hospital and Nursing Arrangements.*

There is one General Hospital in the Town, thirteen beds. The Bournemouth Hospitals are also made use of. Neither of these Hospitals receive support from the Council.

Fever cases are sent to the Poole Isolation Hospital. Arrangements have been made with Poole, to receive cases of Smallpox.

The only Institutional provision for unmarried Mothers, Illegitimate Infants and Homeless children, is that provided by the Guardians. There are no Clinics or Treatment Centres.

There are three qualified Midwives. One is in the Workhouse, one in private practise and the other does duty in the Minster District. She also does General work. There is also an unqualified nurse for general work in St. John's District. Her Committee depends solely on subscriptions and fees.

The Minster Committee is affiliated to the Dorset County Nursing Association, and receives a grant from them. They also receive small sums from the County Council and Ministry of Health, but most of the support comes from subscriptions, donations and fees.

The Board of Guardians subscribe to the County Nursing Association.

5. *Laboratory Work.*

Throat swabs are done by the M.O.H., and are paid for by the local Council, all other work goes to the Clinical Research Association. About thirty swabs were examined during the year.

Serums and Vaccines are supplied free by the Local Council.

6. *Local and Adoptive Acts.*

Public Health Acts—Amended Act, 1890. 15th Feb. 1893.
Do. do. 1907. 13th Dec. 1911.
Part 2, Sections 15 to 25 and 27 to 33 do.
„ 3, 34 to 36 and 43 to 51 do.
„ 4, 5, 6, 10. do.
Private Streets Works Act, 1892. 17th. April 1893.
Infectious Disease Notification Act, 1889. Nov. 1892
Infectious Disease Prevention Act, 1890. do.

7. *Public Health Staff.*

Medical Officer of Health. Part time.

Sanitary Inspector, P.A.S.I., M.I.M.C.E., M.R.S.I. Meat and food Certificate. Also acts as Surveyor.

8. *Sanitary Administration.*

Sanitary Inspector's Report.

INSPECTIONS MADE.

Choked Drains	-	-	8	Cesspools	-	-	-	7
Rain Water Pipes	-	-	22	Factory and Workshops	-	-	-	13
Dampness in Houses	-	-	Nil	Bakehouses	-	-	-	9
Slaughter Houses	-	-	10	New Drains	-	-	-	
Dirty Premises	-	-	Nil	Overcrowding	-	-	-	
Water Supplies	-	-	Nil					

The Dairies, Cowsheds (2), Milkshops and Slaughter Houses (three Registered) were frequently inspected, and were found to be fairly satisfactory

Systematic destruction of Rats was carried out. All the houses after Infections Disease, were disinfected by the Sanitary Inspector with Formalin.

Food and Drugs Act samples of the following were taken and were found satisfactory.

Barley, Bread, Cocoa, Eucalyptus Oil, Mercurial Ointment, Milk.

Water Supply.

Excepting a few wells, the water in which is satisfactory, all the Town is supplied by the Bournemouth Water Company. The supply and quality are satisfactory.

Rivers and Streams.

There are two, viz., the Stour and the Allen. There is no pollution. All house sewage must pass through filter beds before entering the sewer on its way to the rivers.

Drainage and Sewerage.

During the past five years, and particularly the present year, considerable lengths of old sewers and drains have been replaced by larger, and several new ones laid down. These have proved adequate to cope with any sudden downpour of rain which may occur.

Closet Accommodation.

About fifty per cent. of the houses have buckets, mould being supplied by the Council, the contents are removed to the dump outside the town. The other fifty per cent. have water closets, or cesspools, the latter being removed by the scavengers to the dump.

Sanitary Inspector's Statement.

Number of Inspections—51.

Number of informal notices—20. Number complied with—20.

Number of Statutory Notices—4. Number complied with—4.

Bye-laws and Regulations regarding Houses let in Lodgings, etc.

These are being framed and are near completion.

Schools.

The M.O.H. visits the Schools frequently, and takes all the usual precautions to prevent the spread of Infectious Disease.

The Memorandum on Closure and of Exclusion from School, 1925, is in force.

9. *Housing.*

There is a great scarcity of houses, especially in the poorer quarters of the town. The standard there is low. The principal defects are dampness, defective roofs, small, badly ventilated and lighted rooms, stone or brick floors which are under the level of the road. These are old houses, the defects being due to age rather than want of management by the owners. About 50 houses would be required to replace them.

The Local Authority has during the last five years, erected 20 houses rented at 13/- per week. There are now 30 more under construction, these will be rented about 8/6 per week (both rents exclusive of rates). There are three applicants for each house.

Bye-laws relating to Houses, to Houses let in Lodgings.

There are no bye-laws relating to houses let in lodgings. These are required. A complete revision of all the existing bye-laws is now under consideration.

Housing Statistics for the Year 1925.

Number of new houses erected during the year :

a. Total (including numbers given separately under [b])	-	-	-	4
b. With State assistance under the Housing Acts.				
1 By the Local Authorities.				
2 By other bodies or persons	-	-	-	4

1. *Unfit Dwelling Houses. (Inspection).*

1. Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	-	-	-	-	40
2. Number of dwelling houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910, or the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	-	-	-	-	Nil
3. Number of houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	-	-	-	-	3
4. Number of houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	-	-	-	-	10

2. *Remedy of Defects without service of formal Notices.*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	-	-	-	-	8
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers.*

A. Proceedings under section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925.

1. Number of houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	-	Nil
2. Number of houses which were rendered fit after service of formal Notices.		
a. By Owners	-	Nil
b. By Local Authority in default of Owners	-	Nil
3. Number of houses in respect of which closing orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of to close	-	Nil

- B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.
1. Number of houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied
 2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.
 - a. By Owners.
 - b. By Local Authority in default of Owners - - - Nil
- C. Proceedings under Sections 11, 14 and 15 of the Housing Act, 1925 - - Nil
1. Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders Nil
 2. Number of houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made - - Nil
 3. Number of houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the houses having been rendered fit - - - - Nil
 4. Number of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made - Nil
 5. Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders - Nil

10. *Inspection and Supervision of Food.*

Milk Supply.

The Milk supply is satisfactory in every way. There are 7 Milk sellers. No Licences have been granted for the sale of milk classified as in the Fourth Schedule to the Milk (Special Designations) Order 1923.

All Bacteriological and Analytical examinations are carried out by the County Council Analyst.

Meat Inspection.

The Medical Officer acting also as Meat Inspector visits the Slaughter Houses and Shops frequently. Diseased carcasses are disposed of for animal food. Meat found unfit for human food in the slaughter houses and shops, is removed by the Medical Officer and is destroyed.

Private Slaughter Houses.

	In 1920.	In January, 1925.	In December, 1925.
Registered	3	3	3
Licenced	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

The following is a statement of the Samples taken in Wimborne during 1925.

Barley (2), Bread (1), Cocoa (1), Eucalyptus Oil (1), Mercurial Ointment (1), Milk (4). No adulteration.

11. *Infectious Diseases.*

			1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	Sent to Hospital.
Diphtheria	..	..	Nil.	2	2	5	35	8
Scarlet Fever	..	..	Nil.	Nil.	2	Nil.	3	2
Encephalitis Lethargica	..	..	2	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	0
Pneumonia	..	..	6	Nil.	Nil.	4	2	0
Erysipelas	..	..	1	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	1	0

1925.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified	Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Small-pox	Nil	Nil.	
Scarlet Fever	Nil.	Nil.	
Diphtheria	Nil.	Nil.	
Enteric Fever	Nil.	Nil.	
Puerperal Fever	Nil.	Nil.	
Pneumonia	6	Nil.	1

Bacteriological and Pathological specimens are examined by the Medical Officer and the Clinical Research Association, extensive use is made of them. The Schick and Dick tests have not been made use of, neither have the artificial methods of immunization been used.

12. Tuberculosis.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1			1					
10			1					
25	1				1	1		
35	1							
Totals	2		2		1	1		

No action has been taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.

13. Table of Vital Statistics.

Causes of Death—						M.	F.
Influenza	-	-	-	-	-		1
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-		
Respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Cancer	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
Diabetes	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Cerebral Hæmorrhage	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Arterio-Sclerosis	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	2	
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Other Respiratory Diseases	-	-	-	-	-		1
Diarrhœa, under 2 years	-	-	-	-	-	1	

Table of Vital Statistics (continued).

Causes of Death—						M.	F.
Nephritis	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Accidents and Diseases of Pregnancy	-	-	-	-	-		1
Violence	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Defined Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	12	10
Ill defined	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Infants under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	2	
Total Deaths	-	-	-	-	-	30	25
Total Births	-	-	-	-	-	31	27
Population	-	-	-	-	-	3,612	

Birth-rate, Death-rate, and Analysis of Mortality during the year 1925.

Provisional figures. The rates for England and Wales have been calculated on a population estimated to the middle of 1925, while those for the towns have been calculated on populations estimated to the middle of 1924. The mortality rates refer to the whole population as regards England and Wales but only to civilians as regards London and the groups of towns.

	Birth-rate per 1000 Total Population	Annual Death Rate per 1,000 Population.									Rate per 1,000 Births		Percentage of Total Deaths.		
		All Causes	Enteric Fever	Small pox	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria	Influenza	Violence	Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 years	Total Deaths under 1 year	Causes of Death certified by Registered Medical Practitioners	Inquest cases	Uncertified Causes of Death
England and Wales	18.3	13.2	0.01	0.00	0.13	0.03	9.15	00.7	0.32	0.47	8.4	75	92.1	0.9	1.0
105 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London	18.8	12.2	0.01	0.00	0.17	0.03	0.18	0.09	0.30	0.43	10.8	79	92.1	7.3	0.6
157 Smaller Towns (1921 Adjusted Populations 20,000- 5,0000)	18.3	11.2	0.01	0.00	0.15	0.02	0.14	00.6	0.31	0.38	7.6	74	93.0	5.9	1.1
London	18.0	11.7	0.01	0.00	0.08	0.02	0.19	0.11	0.23	0.46	10.6	67	91.1	8.9	0.0

	1921		1922		1923		1924		1925	
Births ..	49	Rate 11.0	60	Rate 16.3	55	Rate 15.6	57	Rate 15.6	58	Rate 16.1
Deaths ..	44	„ 12.0	54	„ 14.7	43	„ 11.6	52	„ 14.2	53	„ 14.7
Under 1 year	2		4		4		6		2	
Population ..	3,683		3,682		3,700		3,650		3,612	

The estimated populations are those given by the Registrar-General.

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